

HERO OF EGYPT TO SURRENDER

To Marry Mrs. Samuel Sloan Chauncey, a Wealthy Widow.

"MOST BEAUTIFUL WIDOW IN WORLD"

Lord Kitchener's Fiancee Was Once a Very Poor Kentucky Girl, Who Married a Brooklyn Millionaire. Has Lived Much Abroad.

LONDON, December 23.—Mrs. Samuel Sloan Chauncey, it is reported, is engaged to be married to Lord Kitchener. The rumor has caused general surprise and profound interest in society circles here.

This is not the first, second or third time that the famous and wealthy American widow has had her hand disposed of by the world.

In January, 1900, she was reported engaged to Lord Rosebery, and that report was given with so much circumstance that Mrs. Chauncey had it officially denied.

In June, 1901, it was said that Mrs. Chauncey would marry J. J. Van Allen, and later it was announced that Arnold Morley, son of Arthur Morley, the philanthropist and millionaire merchant of London, was the favored man. Both these reports were denied.

Mrs. Chauncey has been called the "most beautiful widow in the world."

She was Alice Carr, of Louisville, before her marriage to Mr. Chauncey. The Carrs formerly lived in Southern Indiana. After Mr. Carr's death, Alice and Grace, her two daughters, Alice and Grace, and the youngest son moved to Louisville.

Girl's Mother Was Poor.

Mrs. Carr was poor, in the real sense of the word. Her sole income was a pension left by her husband and she and her children made their home with a carpenter, Charles Bell, who lived in a small cottage about five miles out of Louisville.

Although the Carrs had never been known in Louisville, the beauty of the two daughters soon began to attract attention, and Dr. Griffith, one of the leading physicians of the State, was called to treat him. Soon the doctor's daughter called on the two beautiful Indiana girls, and the next year Alice Carr was the acknowledged belle of Louisville. Her sister Grace was too young to enter society at that time.

Met Affinity at Watling Place.

While accompanying the Griffiths to an Eastern watering place, Miss Carr met Mr. Chauncey, who was raised a millionaire. Mr. Chauncey was one of the Brooklyn Chaunceys, and he fell in love with Mrs. Carr on sight. Their marriage followed in the fall.

Mrs. Chauncey soon won a conspicuous place for herself in New York society. Her mother and sister came to visit her, and while in London, Lord Kitchener fell in love with Grace Carr and married her. At that time it was believed that Grace Carr had been a baroness.

Since the marriage of her sister, Mrs. Chauncey has spent the greater part of her time abroad.

Lord Kitchener has been looked upon as a man who was too busy fighting to think of romance or sentiment. He is a great warrior, and his appearance in society or at social functions has been rare until recently, when it is said that when Mrs. Chauncey was to be found Lord Kitchener was sure to be.

PISTOL FIGHT AT COUNTRY DANCE

Man Killed and Two Badly Wounded on Account of Feud and Bad Whiskey.

LEXINGTON, KY., December 23.—As a result of a general battle at a country dance on Cane Creek in Breathitt county last night, Tom Gullett, aged thirty, was shot through the heart and instantly killed. Walker Sloan, aged twenty-five, was shot through his right arm, which will have to be amputated, and Bill Little, aged twenty-five, was shot through the back and fatally wounded. All parties have been prominent in recent feuds in Breathitt county, and this is regarded as a reopening of feud troubles in that county. The dance was given at Bill Little's home. Gullett and Sloan were among the guests. Moonshine whiskey was freely for all who asked it. Harsh words were spoken by several men regarding feud differences, and instantly a number of pistols were drawn. Fighting only ensued when Gullett was dead, and the other two men wounded. Sloan was brought here to the Good Samaritan Hospital to-night, where his arm will be amputated to-morrow. The bone was shattered with bullet from a G-caliber pistol. Young Cole was delicious when taken from the train. He was accompanied by his father, Samuel Cole, who was drunk at the dance last night. All parties connected in last night's fight are well connected. Sloan is a nephew of Judge T. P. Cartwright, of Jackson, whose family for fifty years, has been an intermittent war with the Hargis family, headed by Judge James Hargis, Senator Alex. Hargis and Ed. Callahan. Further fighting is expected, as all concerned in the affair are determined men.

PROMINENT FARMER DEAD IN A MUDHOLE

SPENCER, N. C., December 23.—The dead body of Mr. Dock Huffman, a prominent farmer of Burke county, was found in a road near Morganton yesterday afternoon. His head and shoulders were submerged in a mudhole and a team which he had been driving was standing nearby. The cause of his death is a mystery, though there is no evidence of foul play.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA IS SINKING RAPIDLY



LAST MEETING OF THE SHAH AND HIS CABINET. THE SHAH IS SEATED AT THE TABLE.

SHAH OF PERSIA REPORTED DYING

His Physicians Say He Cannot Live Through the Night.

THE HEIR IS VERY POPULAR

People, Who Were at First Antagonistic, Now Hail Him as Protector.

TEHERAN, December 23.—The Shah is sinking rapidly.

It is a most alarming condition, owing to the albuminous fluid mounting around the heart, and it is with difficulty that His Majesty gets his breath. The opinion of his physicians is that he will die during the night. By the people he is already thought to be dead. In any case there will be no excitement, as his death is fully discounted and the funeral arrangements have been made. Moreover, there is the presence of the Valiahd Mohammed Ali Mirza and of a military force quite large enough to suppress disturbances.

The Valiahd has made a favorable impression, since immediately upon his arrival he warmly welcomed the government's representatives, assuring them that he was in sympathy with their movement.

In an interview to-day, a prominent member of the Medghilla said: "Telegraph abroad that we are what the French call 'puff' at the manner in which the Valiahd behaved and are full of happiness. We had every reason to believe that he was antagonistic, whereas, on the contrary, in his reply to our deputations he announced himself as our protector and approved of the Medghilla. He said he had read the constitution and approved of it with the exception of two clauses. On careful consideration he believed that it would require careful thought by us."

"With reference to the responsibility of the ministers and the freedom of the press, he proposed to refer the clauses to the Medghilla for modification, but if approved by us he expressed his willingness to accept it as it stands."

The Valiahd also captured the good will of the clergy in the following manner: Hearing the popular Seyd Jumaal preaching to the effect that the Valiahd must accept the constitution, or that otherwise the people must not accept him, the prince sent for him and assured him that his grandfather, his father and himself were all favorable to the constitutional idea. Since that the priests are lauding the Valiahd in all the mosques.

The Shah, Mozaffar 'd Din was born March 26, 1853, and is therefore fifty-three years of age. He succeeded to the Persian throne in 1896, the assassination of his father, Nasir 'd Din, in May, 1896.

ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN AT ODDS

Firemen Have Walked Out on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 23.—Pursuant to an ultimatum issued yesterday by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, following a referendum vote of the members of the locomotive firemen went into effect this afternoon on the Southern Pacific Railroad in Texas and Louisiana. Between 30 and 40 men are involved, and the lines to which the strike ordered applies are Morgans, La., and Texas, the Iberia and Vermilion, the Louisiana and Western, the Texas and New Orleans and the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio. The lines extend from New Orleans to El Paso, twenty-eight branches reaching several important by-ports in the two States named.

The trouble has been in incubation ever since the Southern Pacific Company, according to the firemen, abrogated the agreement with them several months ago by signing an agreement with the engineers' brotherhood, and this fact seems to be at the bottom of the present trouble.

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NEW ORLEANS, December 23.—An announcement was made to-day that the Southern Pacific Railroad will receive no more freight from intersecting lines to points in Texas until further notice.

S. S. 'STRATHCONA' BURNED AT SEA

Firemen and Engineers, Surrounded by Flames, Stuck to Their Post.

WILD CONFUSION PREVAILED

Heroism of Captain and Crew Saved the Lives of All on Board.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 23.—Word was received here to-day from Port Deferin, a small coast town some sixty miles east of this city, of the destruction by fire of the passenger steamer Strathcona, owned by the Halifax and Canada Steamship Company, and bound from this port for Canada and Guyana. That no lives were lost is due principally to the heroism of the engineers and firemen, who stuck to their posts until the steamer was beached and every one of the 180 passengers landed. In less than an hour after the beaching of the steamer she was burned to the water's edge.

The Strathcona left here last evening under command of Captain Reid. Most of the passengers were returning to their homes along the east coast after a few days of Christmas shopping in Halifax. A few hours after leaving port, fire was discovered in the afterhold and despite the efforts of the officers and crew, the flames spread rapidly. When the cry of fire was raised the wildest confusion prevailed. The passengers, most of them clad only in their night clothes, rushed on deck and made a dash for the lifeboats. The crew prevented a panic. The boats were not launched, but were made ready for use in case the flames completely enveloped the steamer before land could be reached.

The terror-stricken passengers were huddled together in the bow of the ship, which was headed for Port Deferin, the nearest place on the treacherous coast where the steamer could find a harbor.

Entire Ship Aflame.

While the Strathcona was driving toward land at top speed, the sailors tried to fight back the flames with streams of water. The draft caused by the steamer's rapid progress, however, fanned the flames into greater fury, and in a short time the entire after portion of the vessel was on fire.

Down in the engine-room the engineers and firemen stuck bravely to their posts, although the flames had begun to surround them.

Not until the keel of the steamer grated on a reef a mile from the entrance of the harbor, did they abandon their dangerous positions and rush to the decks. Then the boats were lowered, and all of the passengers with the thirteen members of the crew found safety on shore. The Strathcona was only two years old, and was a vessel of two hundred tons. In addition to the passengers she carried a large general cargo of supplies and Christmas goods gathered at various points along the east coast. She was valued at \$41,000.

Not long ago the Strathcona ran into and sank the sailing steamer Havana in Halifax harbor, and was condemned to pay \$30,000 damages.

200 MEN WITH RIFLES CLOSE IN ON MURDERER

MOUNT OLIVE, MISS., December 23.—A posse of 200 men, armed with rifles, left here by a special train to-day to surround a house in which Wheeler King, who yesterday killed Town Marshal Buchanan, is supposed to be hiding. The house is near the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad tracks. It was reported that King's friends had gathered in the house, which they barricaded in preparation to fight. The community is stirred up over the wholesale shooting and lawlessness which accompanied Marshal Buchanan's death.

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LADY TOWNLEY HATED DURANDS

Daughter of an Earl. She Desired Social Pre-eminence in Washington

"WHITE HOUSE" CALLED "A CIRCUS"

Said "the Durands Were Very Common People," and Paid Her Respects to Washington Officials Generally. Influence Cause of Recall.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Official and social Washington is engrossed in the discussion of the retirement of the Right Honorable Sir Henry Mortimer Durand from the post of British ambassador to the United States.

Although Sir Henry has refused to discuss the matter, and the announcement of his retirement came suddenly and unexpectedly, rumors which are generally believed are to the effect that Sir Henry himself does not know all about the affair, but that he has been recalled as a result of one of those little bits of party politics which at times play so important a part in the administration of the affairs of nations.

It was reported several days ago that much has been feeling had been engendered between Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, and the wife of the ambassador because the latter had criticized Mrs. Roosevelt's arrangements at a tea, and had cast further aspersions upon her as a hostess. This was emphatically denied, and the fact that the Roosevelt entertained Sir Henry and Lady Durand at dinner Friday evening, when the ambassador presented his letter, disproved the story.

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KITCHENER OF KHARTUM TO WED BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN



GENERAL LORD KITCHENER, the woman-hater, who is to marry Mrs. Chauncey.

HICKS, THE MINER, WELL AND HAPPY

After Fifteen Days Spent in a Caved-in Mine Tunnel, He Is Released.

ON PAY ROLL ALL THE TIME

Was So Strong That Stimulants Prepared for Him Were Not Needed.

BAKERS FIELD, CAL., December 23.—Lindsay B. Hicks, released last night from an entombment of fifteen days in a caved-in tunnel, to-day appeared well and happy after his gruesome experience. He received the congratulations of friends and neighbors, to whom he related as best he could the feelings he underwent within the dark close quarters of his tomblike prison, near the dead bodies of five less fortunate companions, while scores of men worked like beavers day and night for more than two weeks to save him from death by digging through many feet of earth and rock.

Hicks was once a soldier, and he is said to carry some Indian blood in his veins. He was so strong that the stimulants that had been prepared for him were not needed.

It was 11:50 o'clock last night when Hicks was released. The last cut on the drift was made at 11:12 o'clock, and no sooner was the segment of debris removed and the way left open than Hicks began to scrape away the rocks and earth and crawl toward the opening.

With arms in front of his head, he went into the miniature tunnel and began to work his way slowly through to the other side of a dump car, near which he has remained during the excavation. When he had progressed about half way he stopped, and Superintendent Frank Miller, who stood at the tube at the mouth of the shaft, called out and asked what was the matter.

"Oh, nothing," Hicks called back. "I'm just going to stop. I'm out of wind. My wind is very short, you know."

"I'm Feeling Fine."

Then Hicks moved a few inches further toward freedom, and his arms were seized by Dr. Stinchfield and Miner Gents, who pulled him into the main tunnel, where he was placed in a sitting position. The blindfold that Hicks had been ordered to put on was removed, as the tunnel was only dimly lighted by the miners' rescue lamps. Hicks said to Stinchfield: "I am feeling fine. I can never thank you, doctor, for what you have done."

He then thanked Superintendent Gens, of the Edison Works, who later expressed his gratification at the miner's rescue.

While working on a tunnel that was being built by the Edison Power Company, near Bakers Field, on December 17th, the vertical walls of a deep cut fell in on Hicks and five fellow-workmen. It was first thought that all had perished.

Three days later a tapping on the iron rail of the little tramway through the drift gave the first intimation that a man still alive was buried beneath the debris. The rescue work has progressed steadily since.

While the last steps were being taken to free Hicks, Superintendent Gens, who led the rescue, called to Hicks and told him he was still on the pay-roll, he said.

You have been a most faithful man, Hicks, you have been on duty for fifteen days and nights and never asked for a day off. You have been drawing pay all the time."

PRESIDENT CASTRO IS BECOMING WEAKER

TRINIDAD, ISLAND OF TRINIDAD, December 23.—Advises received here from President Castro, who is at Managua, are that the state of the health of the President is becoming more alarming. An operation is deemed necessary, but the weakness of the sick man does not permit of an attempt in this respect being made.

The sailing of General Joseph Manuel Hernandez is not confirmed, but rumors of a serious revolutionary movement in the western part of Venezuela are being circulated.

The press of the republic is absolutely mute on the subject.

DORMITORY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE DESTROYED

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., December 23.—The dormitory of the Florida Female College, was destroyed by fire this morning. There were no casualties, most of the students having gone home for the holidays. The valuable collection of music, art and all furniture was destroyed. The dormitory formerly was part of the old State College, more than fifty years ago. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

TEN KILLED IN HORRIBLE WRECK

Six Others Are Fatally Injured and Twenty-Five Wounded.

CARS THROWN DOWN AN EMBANKMENT

Rescuers Fight Flames to Save the Passengers From Being Burned to Death—Train Behind Time, Dashed Into a Switch Engine.

ST. PAUL, MINN., December 23.—Ten persons are known to be dead, six others are fatally injured and at least twenty-five others were hurt in the wreck to-day of an east-bound train on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, at Enderlin, N. D.

The train from Moose Jaw, Canada, is due at Enderlin at 11:45 P. M., but last night was about two hours late. The engine was running at high speed in an endeavor to make up the lost time. As he swung around a curve before entering the yards at Enderlin, a switch engine was shifting a string of cars to a side track. The passenger engine collided head-on with the switch engine. Both engines were wrecked and the passenger cars were thrown in confusion down a small embankment at the side of the track. Several of the day coaches were turned bottom side up, and the passengers pinned beneath the wreckage, which took fire from the car stoves.

Holiday Crowd.

The passenger train was heavily loaded with people going to spend the holidays. Most of the casualties occurred in the smoking car and first day coach, both of which were splintered.

Enderlin is the divisional headquarters of the railroad, and the rescue party was soon at hand endeavoring to release the imprisoned passengers from their perilous position. Many persons were in imminent danger from the flames, which were fast spreading through the cars. Axes were wielded by willing hands, and the overturned cars were broken open and the dead and injured taken out as quickly as possible. It was a race between the rescuers and the flames, but by Herculean efforts all of the injured were removed before the flames reached them.

Ten dead bodies were reached today beside the track, while the injured were taken to hastily improvised ambulances to hospitals and hotels.

Death List.

The dead are: CHARLES BACKUS, Bergen, N. D. H. J. VOLKERING, Anamoose, N. D. JOHN SATTERFIELD, Anamoose, N. D. TONY GREEN, Volva, N. D. D. J. BERSFORD, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

JOSEPH BAUM, Volva, N. D. W. J. DANIELSON, Sheldon, N. D. A. O. ANDERSON, Starbuck, Minn. One unidentified man.

It is supposed that the passenger train had made up more of its lost time than had been anticipated by the crew of the wreck.

The engineers and firemen on both engines heaped and saved their lives.

All of the fatalities occurred in the smoking car, which was telegraphed by the baggage car. Here also were most of those who were injured, only two occupants of this car escaping injury. There are only four physicians in Enderlin, and a special train with physicians and nurses was hastily made up at Valley City and rushed to Enderlin.

Only a few passengers in the day coaches were injured. None of the sleeping cars left the track, and in these there were no casualties.

THIS STOCKING NOT EMPTY ONE

Saleswoman Was Converting It Into Savings Bank on Day's Receipts.

At this season, when so much is being said about empty stockings and so much thought and worry given to the method of filling them, a story was heard yesterday as one effective method which came near causing at least one woman a very blue Christmas. It is related that in one of the city's well known stores where large holiday purchases are daily made, a certain (or uncertain) saleswoman temporarily employed there is now absent from her post by request.

As the story goes, the lady in question was observed to make several sales without making tickets therefor—a mere oversight, it was presumed. Observation, followed by a searching inquiry, later developed the fact that the saleslady in question had omitted to forward to the cashier's desk the money received in payment for several purchases.

As soon as her lapses of memory had been several times repeated and some of her associates were convinced that her oversight was too frequent to be compatible with the theory of absolute innocence, she was called aside and questioned as to several specific purchases. Her answers were satisfactory until she was asked to show her duplicate ticket for specific articles she had sold. Her book was a still-tale bit of evidence, but she still protested her innocence until the man in charge informed her that the money was in her stocking. She indignantly repelled such a suggestion, but when another employee started out, ostensibly in search of an officer, she weakened and, retiring to an adjoining room, emptied her larder of all save that which the garment was intended to hold. The result was that the store was something like \$12 better off. How long the young woman had been engaged in thus padding her hosiery was, of course, unknown, but the management preferred to let the charitable organizations finish the job of filling the partially filled stockings.

Times-Dispatch Great Contest For Schoolroom Decoration

Result will be published to-morrow.

The Contest Office will be open to-day from 10 to 12 A. M. and 3 to 6 P. M.